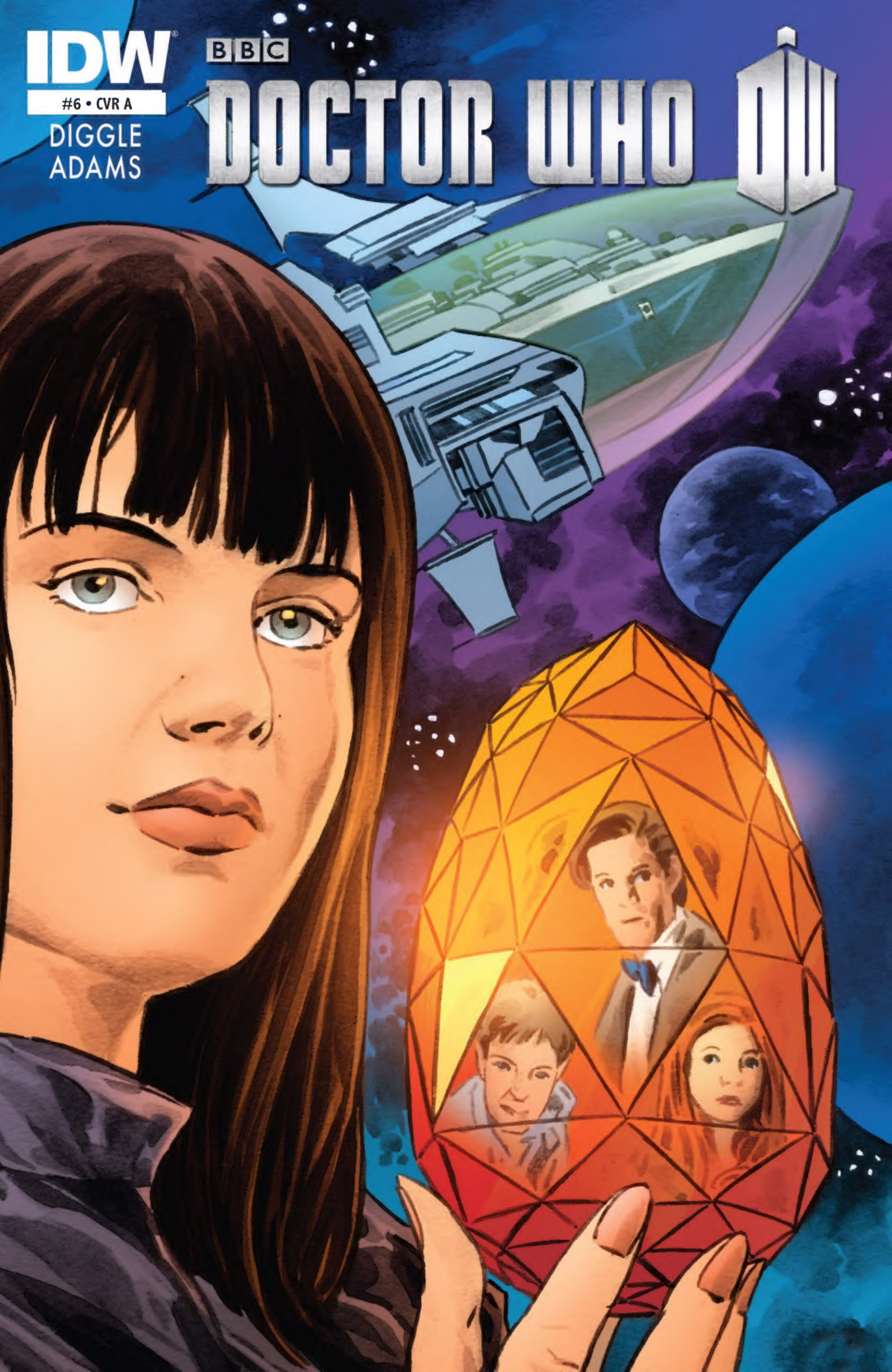
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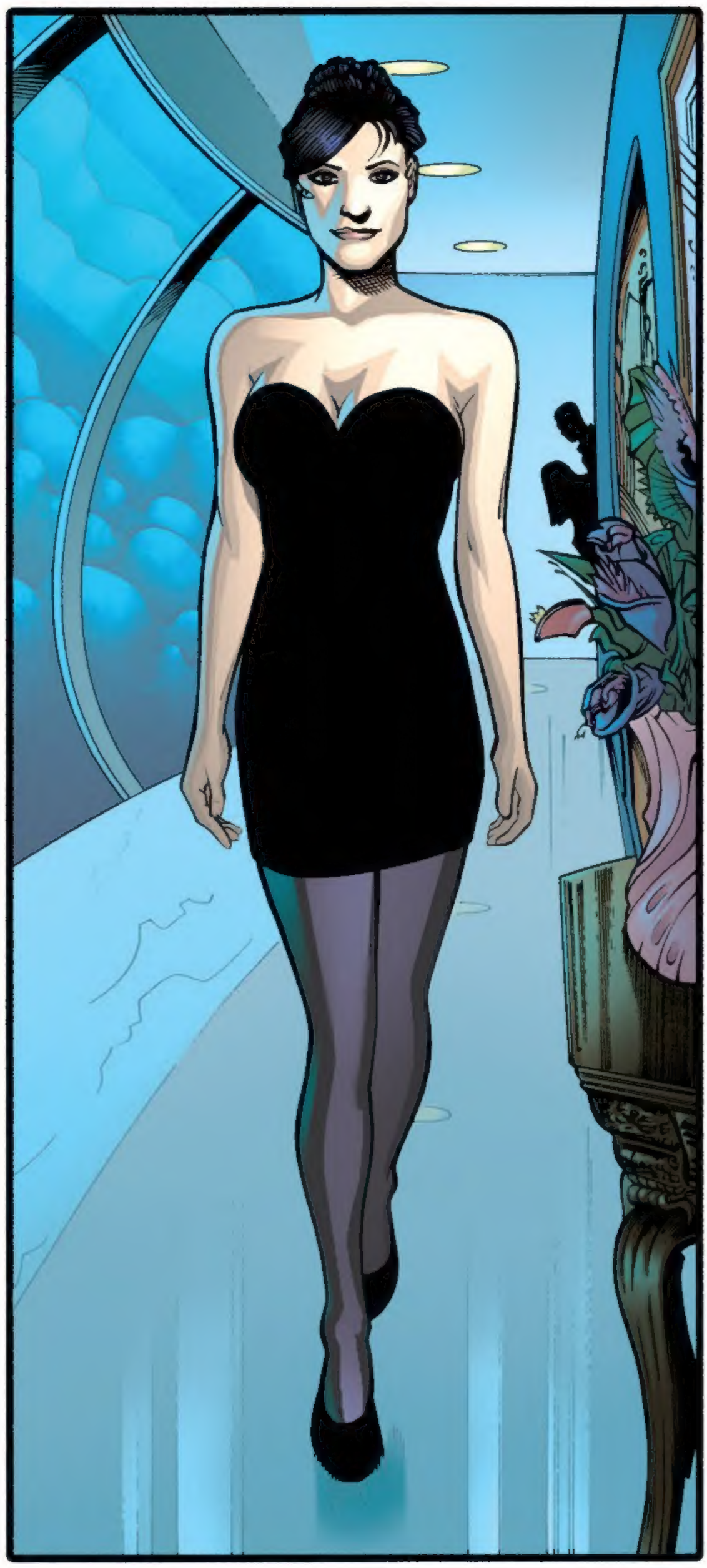
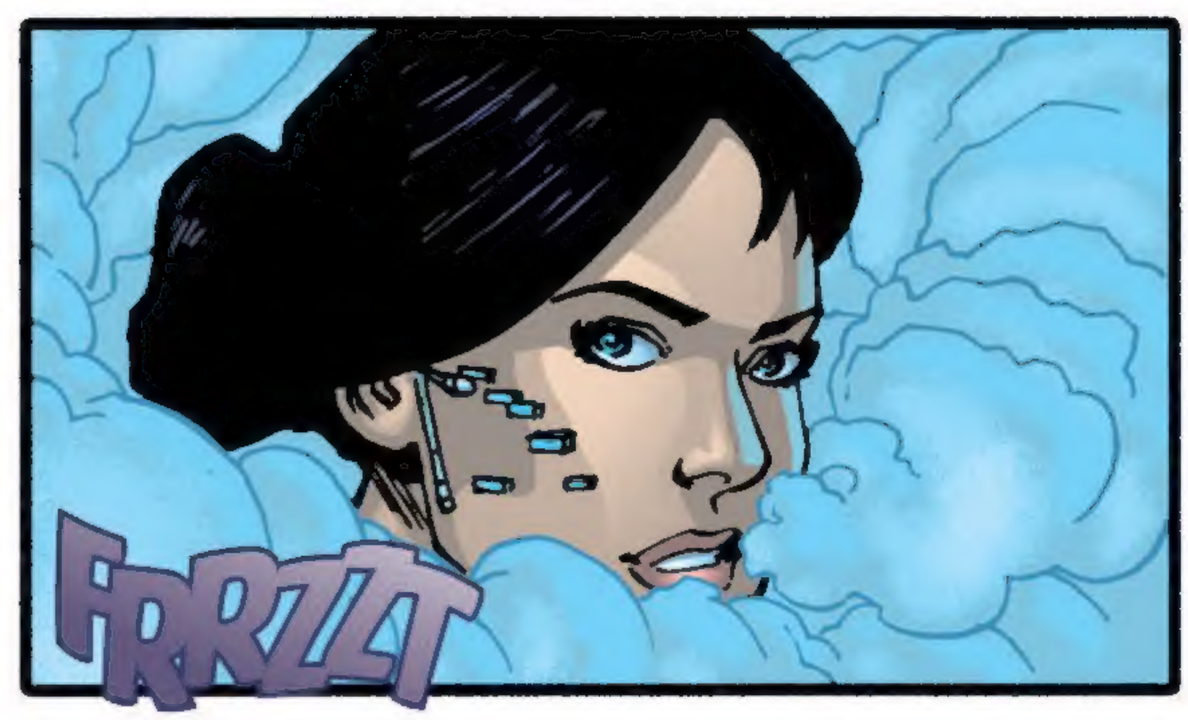
'THIS IS NEVER GONNA PLAY. THE GOOD CAPTAIN CAN'T STOP DROOLING...
'...AND I AIN'T TALKING ABOUT YOUR OUTFIT'.

HE WALKS ONTO THE BRIDGE LIKE THIS, THEY'LL THINK HE'S BEEN AT THE ALGOLIAN ALE.
X.O.'S ALREADY LOOKING FOR AN EXCUSE TO PULL RANK...
TRUST ME, NEKO. HE'S ALREADY GIVEN US EVERYTHING WE NEED.

I CAN TAKE IT FROM HERE.

STAY LUCKY.

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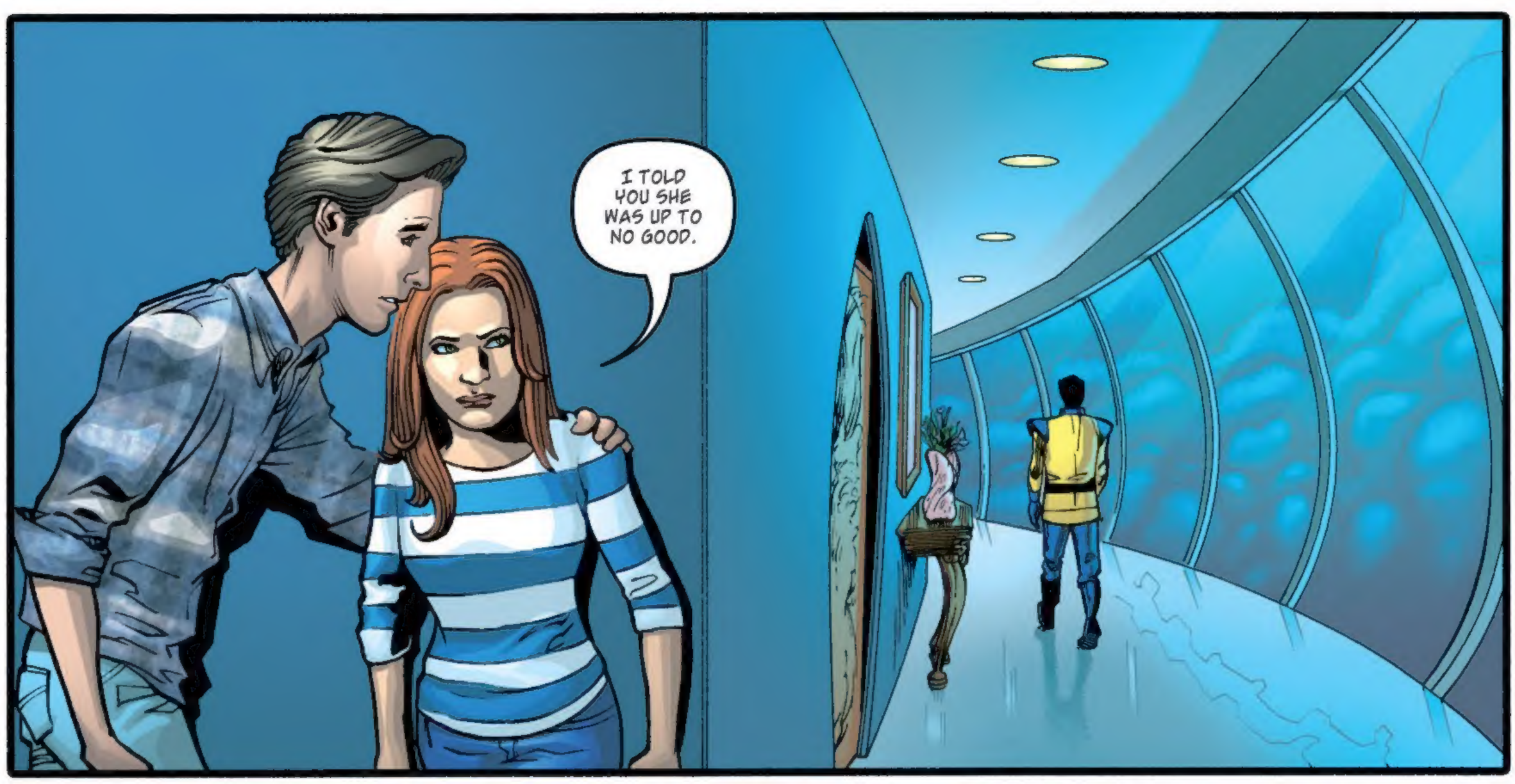

I TOLD YOU SHE WAS UP TO NO GOOD.

CAPTAIN! I-I WASN'T EXPECTING YOU ON DECK THIS EVENING.

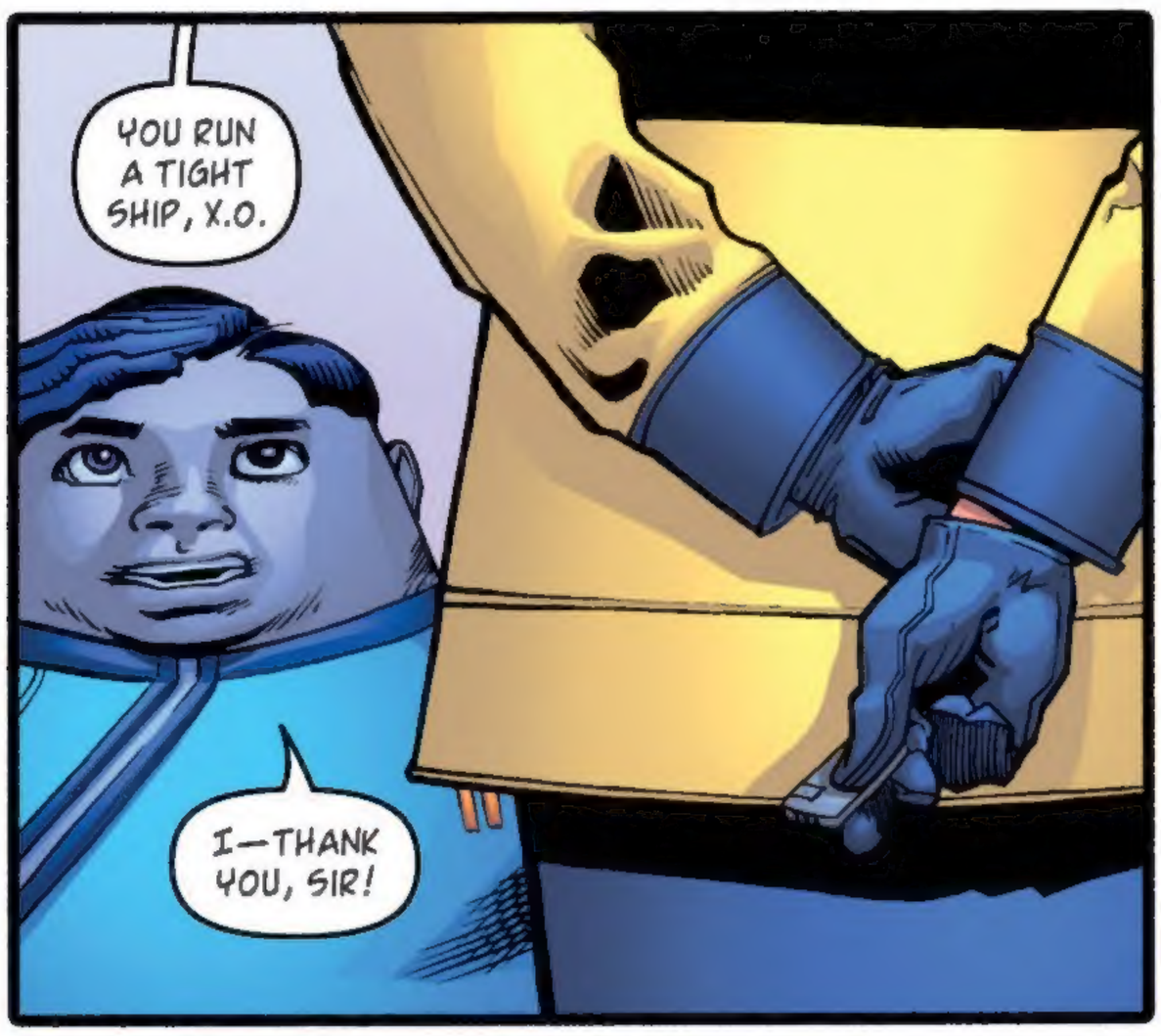
SNAP INSPECTION.

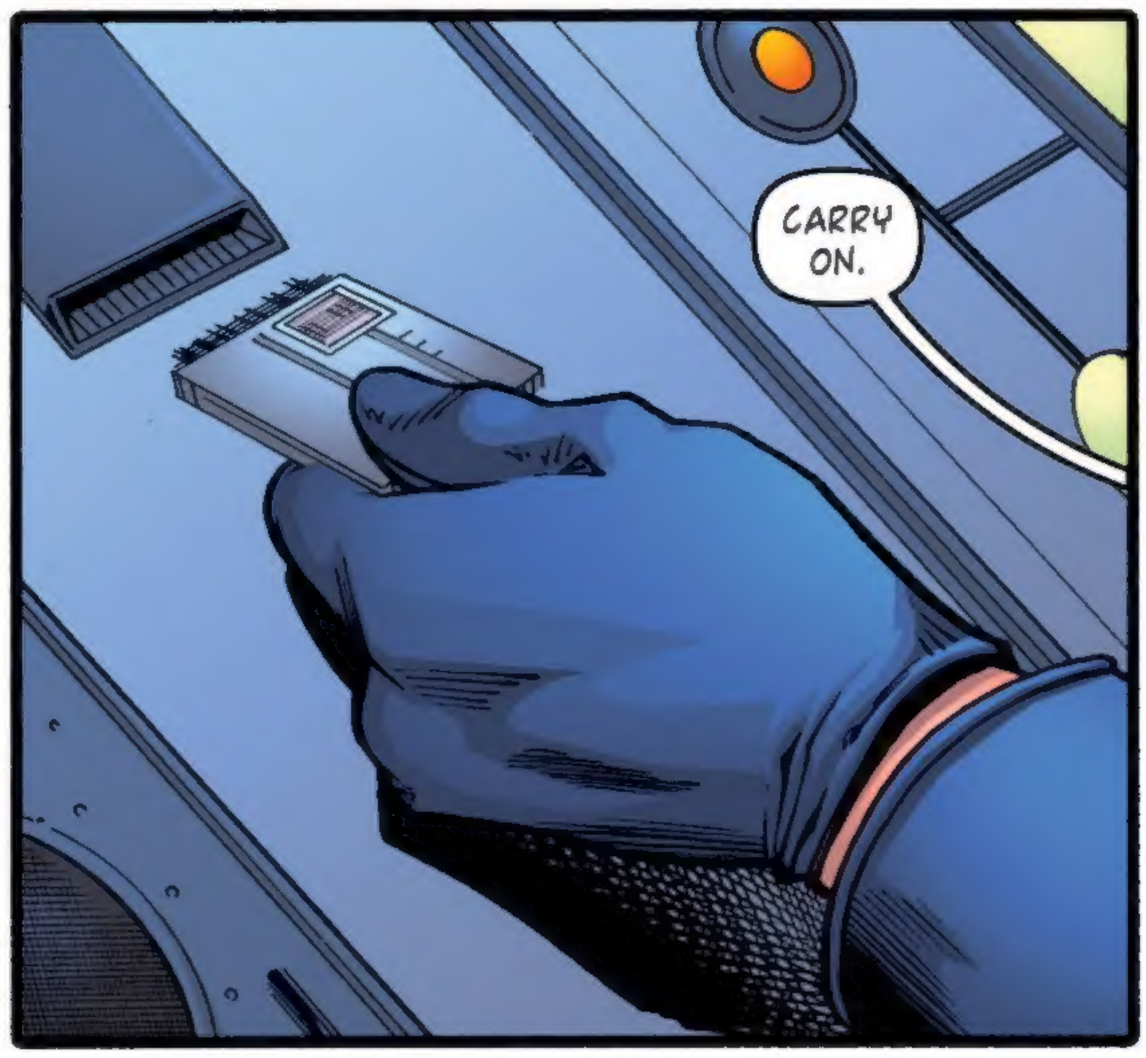
ALL STATIONS— STATUS!

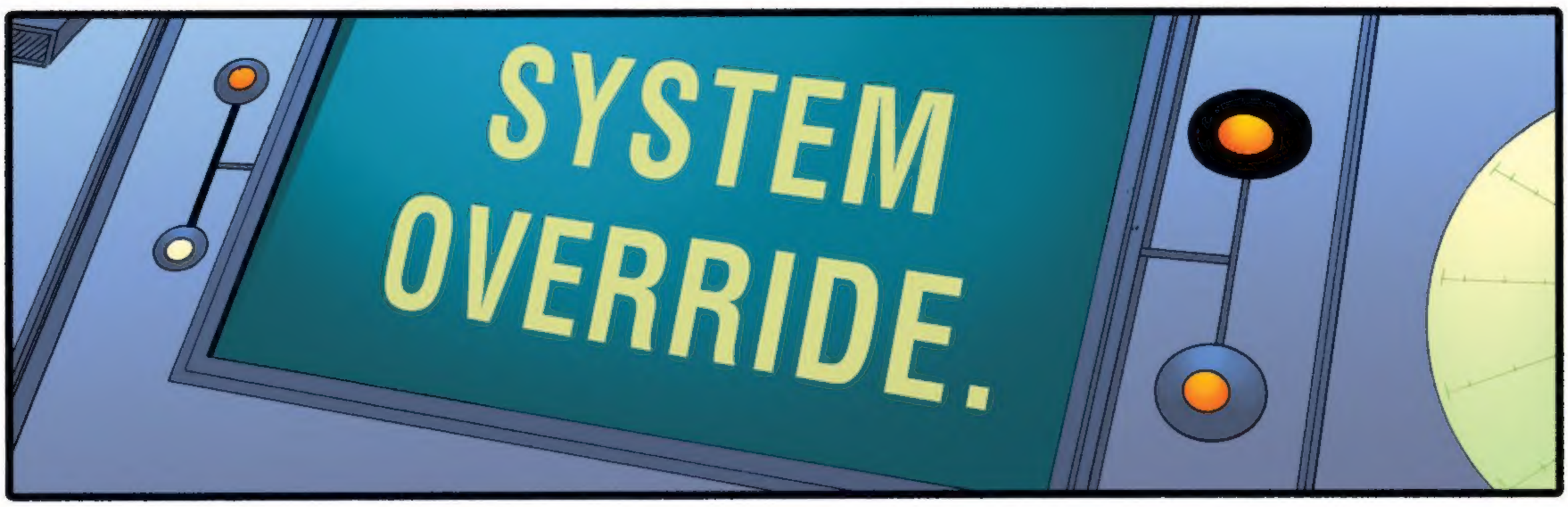
NAVIGATION! CRUISING ON SUBLIGHT FOUR. STELLAR SLINGSHOT WILL TAKE US WITHIN 50 UNITS OF THE SOLAR FLARE.

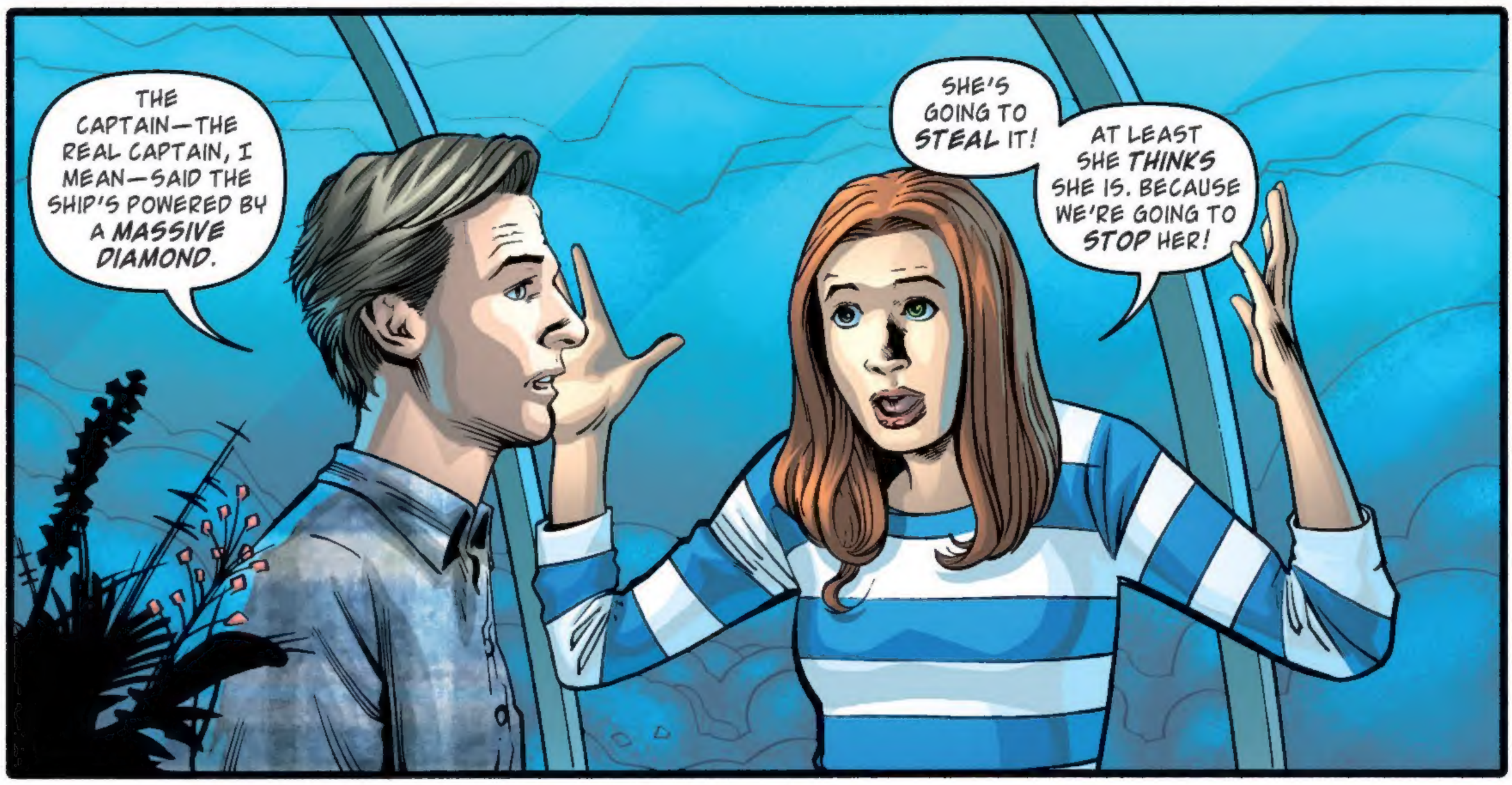
ENGINEERING! MAIN REACTOR ON STANDBY. SHIELDS ARE RUNNING ON BATTERY POWER FOR NOW.

SYSTEMS! LIFE SUPPORT NOMINAL. SAFETIES GREEN ACROSS THE BOARD, CAPTAIN.





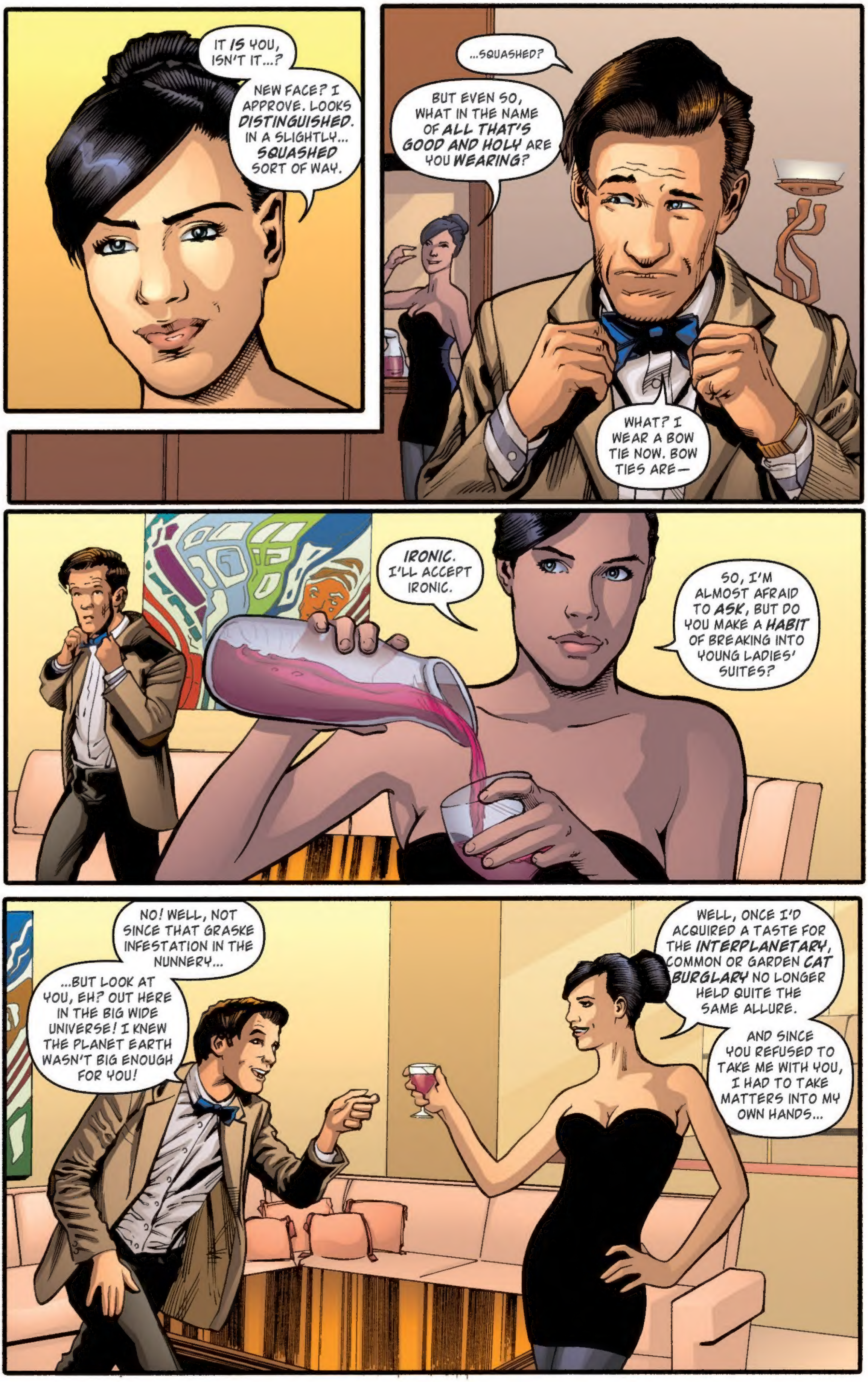



THE CAPTAIN—THE REAL CAPTAIN, I MEAN—SAID THE SHIP'S POWERED BY A MASSIVE DIAMOND.
SHE'S GOING TO STEAL IT!
AT LEAST SHE THINKS SHE IS. BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO STOP HER!

THIS IS ALL JUST REVENGE FOR HER JUMPING THE QUEUE AT MAJORCA, ISN'T IT...?
RUBBISH! I'M MORALLY OUTRAGED, AND SO ARE YOU!
COME ON! WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE DOCTOR!

WELL, NEKO, THAT WAS EVEN EASIER THAN I'D HOPED.
NEKO...?

LADY CHRISTINA DE SOUZA.
AS I LIVE AND BREATHE.
I'M AFRAID YOU HAVE ME MISTAKEN, SIR.
I DON'T BELIEVE I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE...?
OH, BUT I THINK YOU HAVE.
IT'S ME! THE DOCTOR!
FRRZZT
MAYBE I WASN'T WHO I APPEARED TO BE. BUT I'VE MET THE DOCTOR, AND YOU'RE NOT EVEN—
SAN HELIOS! FLESH-EATING TRITOVORES!
THE FUN WE HAD, EH?


IT IS YOU, ISN'T IT...?
NEW FACE? I APPROVE. LOOKS DISTINGUISHED. IN A SLIGHTLY... SQUASHED SORT OF WAY.
...SQUASHED?
BUT EVEN SO, WHAT IN THE NAME OF ALL THAT'S GOOD AND HOLY ARE YOU WEARING?
WHAT? I WEAR A BOW TIE NOW. BOW TIES ARE—
IRONIC. I'LL ACCEPT IRONIC.
SO, I'M ALMOST AFRAID TO ASK, BUT DO YOU MAKE A HABIT OF BREAKING INTO YOUNG LADIES' SUITES?
NO! WELL, NOT SINCE THAT GRASKE INFESTATION IN THE NUNNERY...
...BUT LOOK AT YOU, EH? OUT HERE IN THE BIG WIDE UNIVERSE! I KNEW THE PLANET EARTH WASN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR YOU!
WELL, ONCE I'D ACQUIRED A TASTE FOR THE INTERPLANETARY, COMMON OR GARDEN CAT BURGLARY NO LONGER HELD QUITE THE SAME ALLURE.
AND SINCE YOU REFUSED TO TAKE ME WITH YOU, I HAD TO TAKE MATTERS INTO MY OWN HANDS...

UTAH. THE VAULT.
AM I RIGHT?
'AN ECCENTRIC BILLIONAIRE'S PRIVATE COLLECTION OF ALIEN PARAPHERNALIA DID SEEM LIKE TOO GOOD AN OPPORTUNITY TO PASS UP...
'...ESPECIALLY FOR A YOUNG LADY OF INDEPENDENT MEANS SEEKING A WAY OFF THE PLANET'.

I'VE BEEN HALFWAY ACROSS THE GALAXY SINCE THEN.
IS THAT WHY YOU'RE HERE? TO CHECK UP ON ME?

SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
BLEE

FSSHHT
UM. HI.
AND YOU'RE...
...BEING GOOD, ARE YOU?

REALLY, DOCTOR. WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?

MA'AM?

I KNOW THIS IS GOING TO SOUND A BIT WEIRD, BUT I THINK SOMEBODY MIGHT BE PLANNING TO STEAL YOUR DIAMOND!

GOOD GRACIOUS, HOW UPSETTING!

HAVE YOU SHARED YOUR SUSPICIONS WITH ANYONE ELSE?

NOT YET, NO...

GOOD!

THEN RAISE YOUR HANDS!

WHOA—!
OKAY, WAIT A SECOND, THERE'S CLEARLY BEEN SOME SORT OF MISUNDERSTANDING—
OH, I UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY!

NOW GET INTO THE SERVICE ELEVATOR, BOTH OF YOU!
AND KEEP YOUR HANDS WHERE I CAN SEE THEM, VODIRAN SCUM!
WHAT? WE'RE NOT VODIRANS—
SILENCE!

'WE ASHAYANS WERE A SIMPLE, PEACE-LOVING PEOPLE, LIVING LIVES OF QUIET DEVOTION TO THE GOODESS—UNTIL YOU VODIRANS CAME!

'YOU PLUCKED OUT THE EYE OF GODDESS! THE SOURCE OF ALL LIGHT AND WARMTH FOR OUR PEOPLE...'

'...AND THE GODDESS SICKENED, THE SKIES DARKENED. A TOMB OF ICE ENSHROUDED OUR WORLD. THE PEOPLE DESPAIRED.

'AND THEN YOU VODIRANS CAME WITH YOUR BEADS AND TRINKETS, PROMISING TO RESTORE OUR WORLD.

'BUT YOU LIE! YOU ALWAYS LIE. ALL YOU DO IS LIE, AND STEAL, AND DESECRATE.

'THOSE OF US WHO TOOK YOU AT YOUR WORD FOUND OURSELVES ENSLAVED, WHILE THOSE WHO REMAINED ON THE HOMEWORLD SICKEN AND DIE IN THE EVERLASTING NIGHT'.

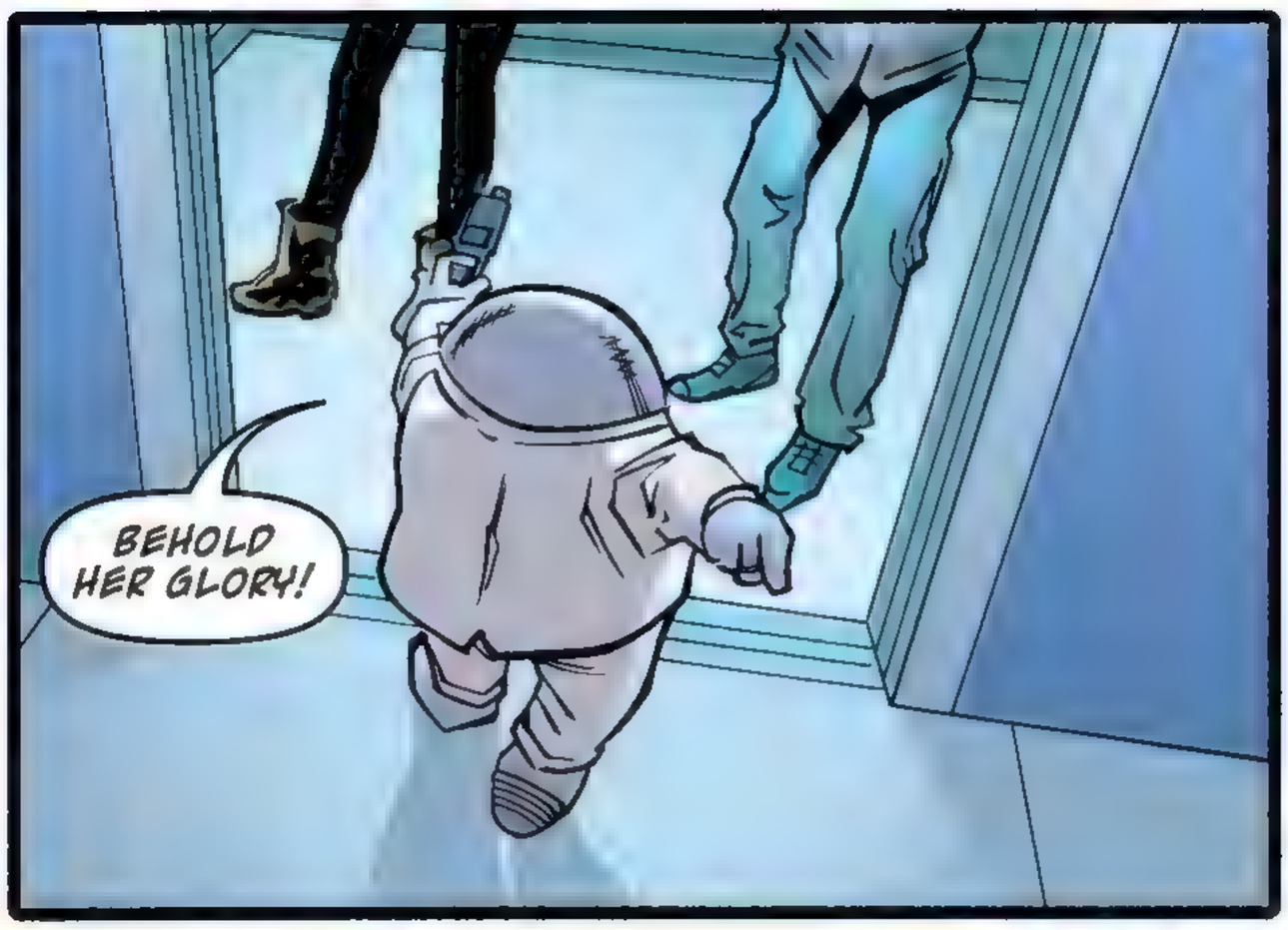
WELL, THERE ARE YET SOME ASHAYANS WILLING TO GIVE ALL FOR THEIR BELIEFS! WE SHALL STRIKE A BLOW AGAINST VODIRAN TYRANNY...

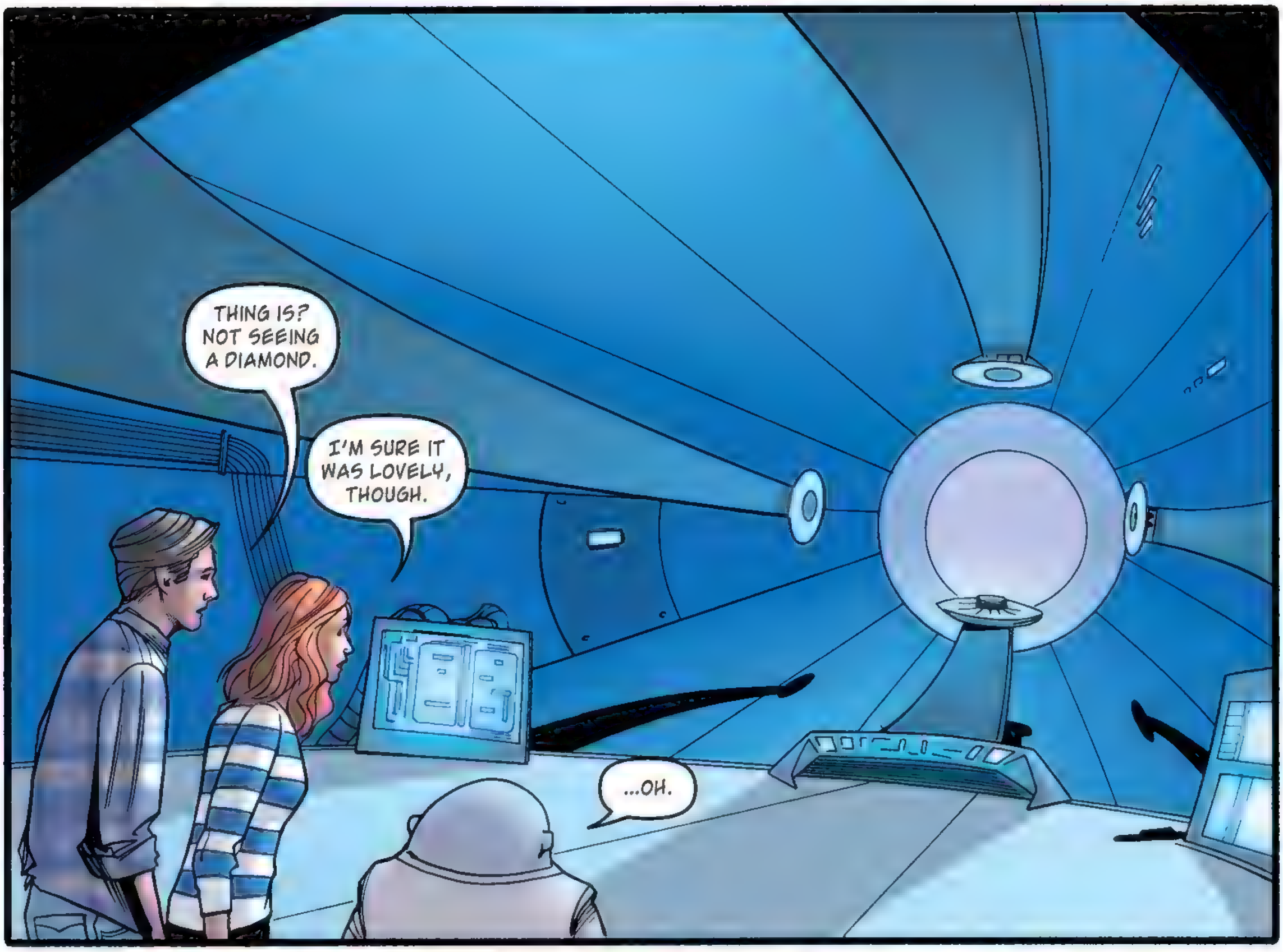
...FOR THE GODDESS!

WAIT. IT'S *YOU*...

YOU'RE THE ONES WHO'RE GOING TO STEAL THE DIAMOND!

IT IS THE EYE OF ASHAYA! THE HEART OF THE MOTHER GODDESS!
YOU CANNOT STOP US! WE WILL MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND!


BEHOLD HER GLORY!


THING IS? NOT SEEING A DIAMOND.
I'M SURE IT WAS LOVELY, THOUGH.
...OH.

WHAT, THIS OLD THING?

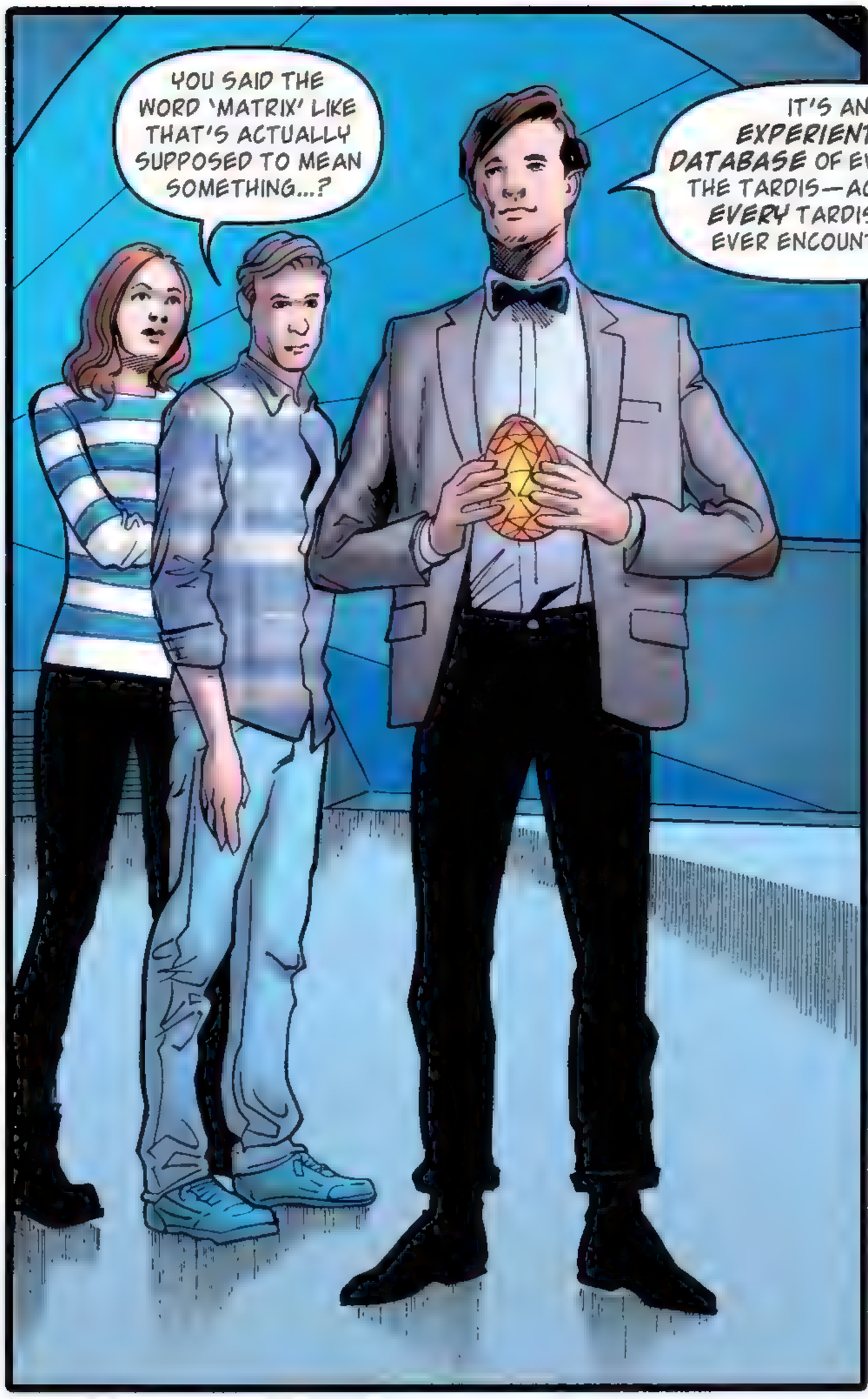
DOCTOR—!
WE THOUGHT CHRISTINA DE SOUZA WANTED TO STEAL IT, BUT THEN THE CREW WERE GOING TO STEAL IT, AND NOW YOU'RE STEALING IT, AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND, AND I WANT TO GO AND HAVE A LIE DOWN.

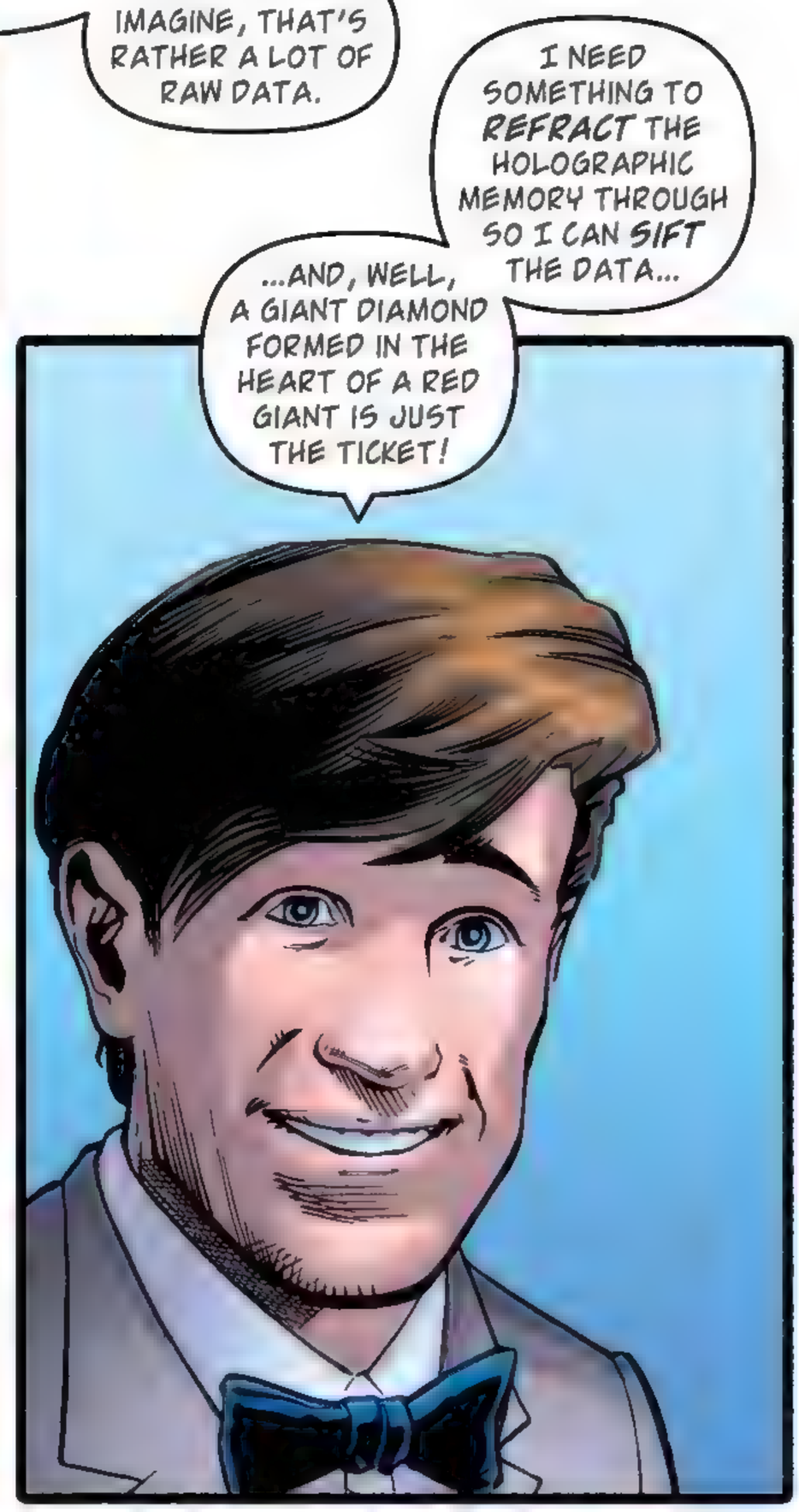
STEAL? ME? NO NO NO, I WAS JUST GOING TO, UH... BORROW IT FOR A BIT!
BORROW IT.
I FINALLY FIGURED OUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE TARDIS, YOU SEE!

WELL, NOT WHAT EXACTLY, BUT WHERE. IT'S IN THE MATRIX!
WHATEVER IT IS THAT'S BEEN GIVING THE TARDIS A TUMMY-ACHE, IT'S HIDDEN INSIDE THE MATRIX!

WAIT, STOP! WHO IS THIS PERSON?
I'M THE DOCTOR!
BUT... WHERE ARE THE ENGINEERING CREW?
OH, I GAVE THEM THE AFTERNOON OFF.

BUT— BUT—
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?!


YOU SAID THE WORD 'MATRIX' LIKE THAT'S ACTUALLY SUPPOSED TO MEAN SOMETHING...?
IT'S AN EXPERIENTIAL DATABASE OF EVERYTHING THE TARDIS—ACTUALLY, EVERY TARDIS—HAS EVER ENCOUNTERED.
AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, THAT'S RATHER A LOT OF RAW DATA.


I NEED SOMETHING TO REFRACT THE HOLOGRAPHIC MEMORY THROUGH SO I CAN SIFT THE DATA...
...AND, WELL, A GIANT DIAMOND FORMED IN THE HEART OF A RED GIANT IS JUST THE TICKET!

HOLIDAY, SHMOLIDAY. THIS IS WHY YOU BROUGHT US HERE ALL ALONG, WASN'T IT?

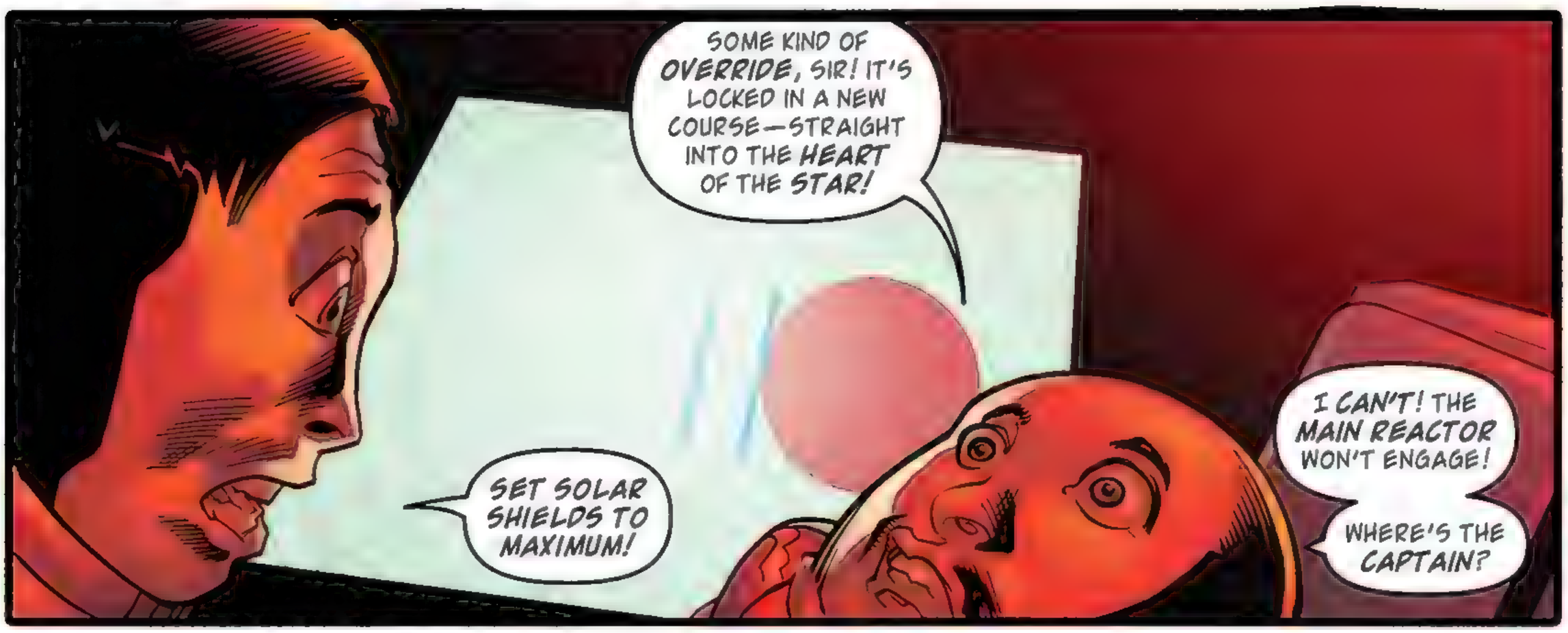
WHAT? I WANTED TO SHOW YOU A GOOD TIME! WONDERS OF THE UNIVERSE AND WHATNOT—!
AND, WELL, Y'KNOW. TWO BIRDS...
...ONE STONE.

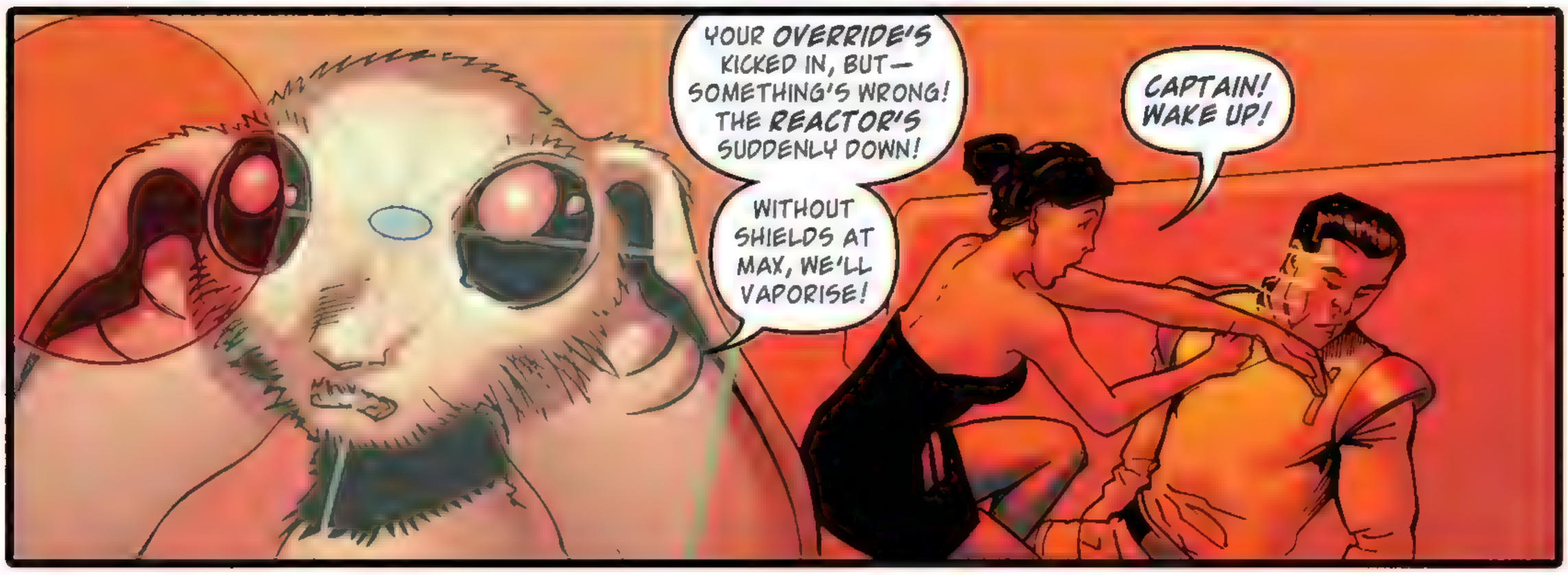
YOU ARE ALL OF YOU AGENTS OF THE VODIRAN BLOC! GIVE ME THE EYE OF ASHAYA!
OUR CAUSE IS JUST! OUR VOICE SHALL RING OUT ACROSS THE—

OH, HUSH.
BZZZZZZZZZ

YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIT, HE HAD A POINT...
IS HE—?
STUN-RAY BLOWBACK. HE'LL BE FINE.

NOW COME ALONG, PONDS!
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS TAKE THE EYE BACK TO THE TARDIS, HOOK IT UP TO THE MATRIX, AND WE CAN GET IT BACK BEFORE THE SHIP HITS THE—
ROOM
ROOM
OH DEAR.
I MAY HAVE MADE A SLIGHT MISCALCULATION.


SOME KIND OF OVERRIDE, SIR! IT'S LOCKED IN A NEW COURSE—STRAIGHT INTO THE HEART OF THE STAR!
SET SOLAR SHIELDS TO MAXIMUM!
I CAN'T! THE MAIN REACTOR WON'T ENGAGE!
WHERE'S THE CAPTAIN?

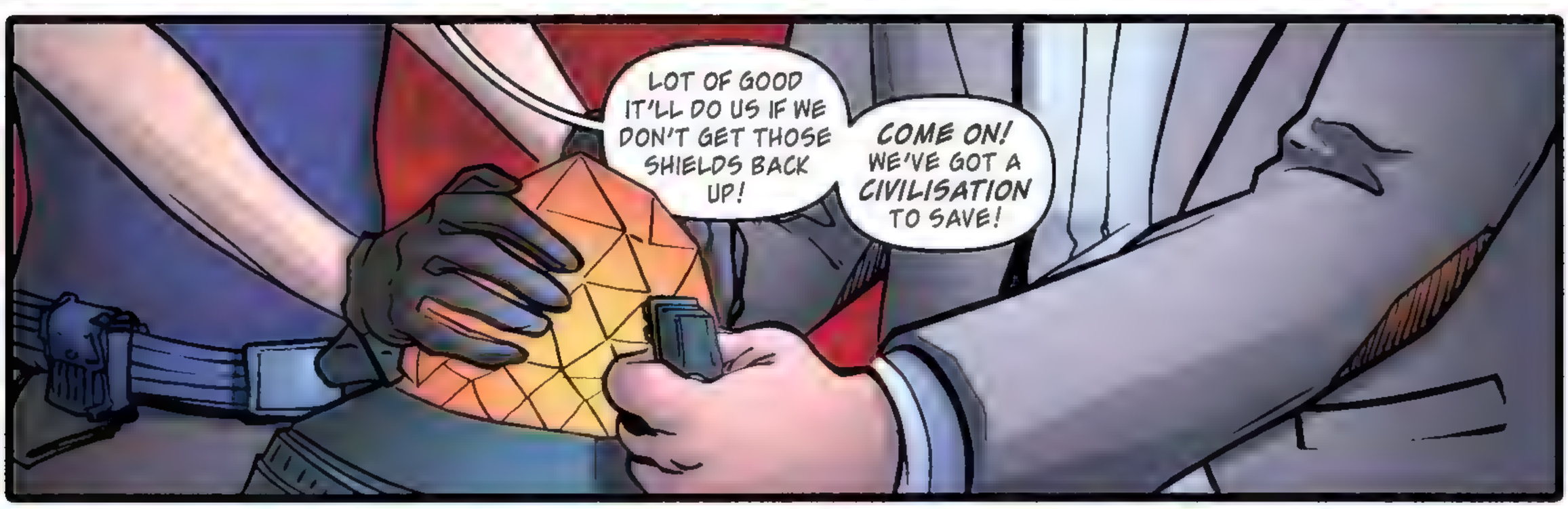

YOUR OVERRIDE'S KICKED IN, BUT—SOMETHING'S WRONG! THE REACTOR'S SUDDENLY DOWN!
WITHOUT SHIELDS AT MAX, WE'LL VAPORISE!
CAPTAIN! WAKE UP!

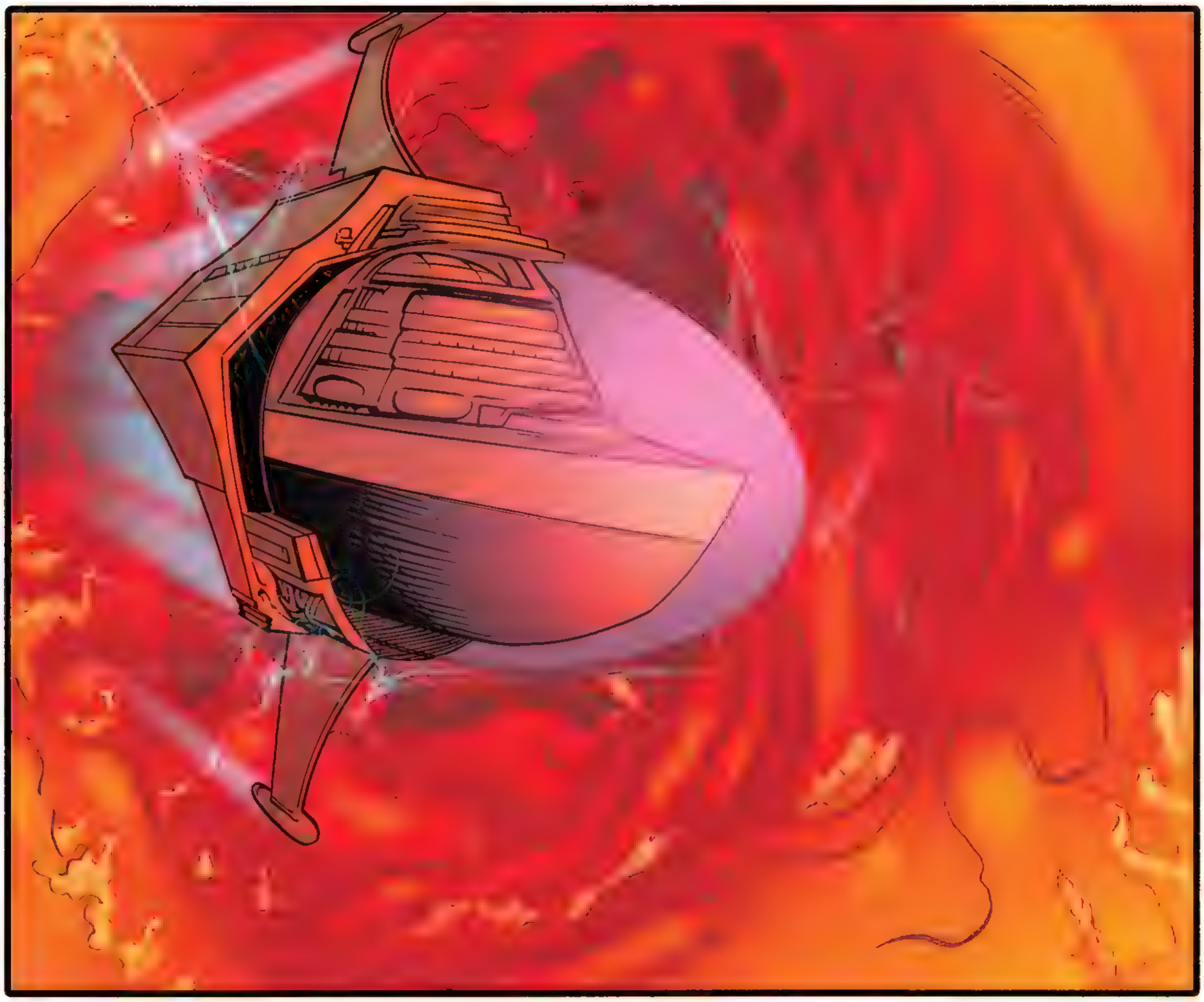
EMERGENCY!
ALL HANDS TO MUSTER STATIONS!
EVERYONE INTO THE LIFE PODS!

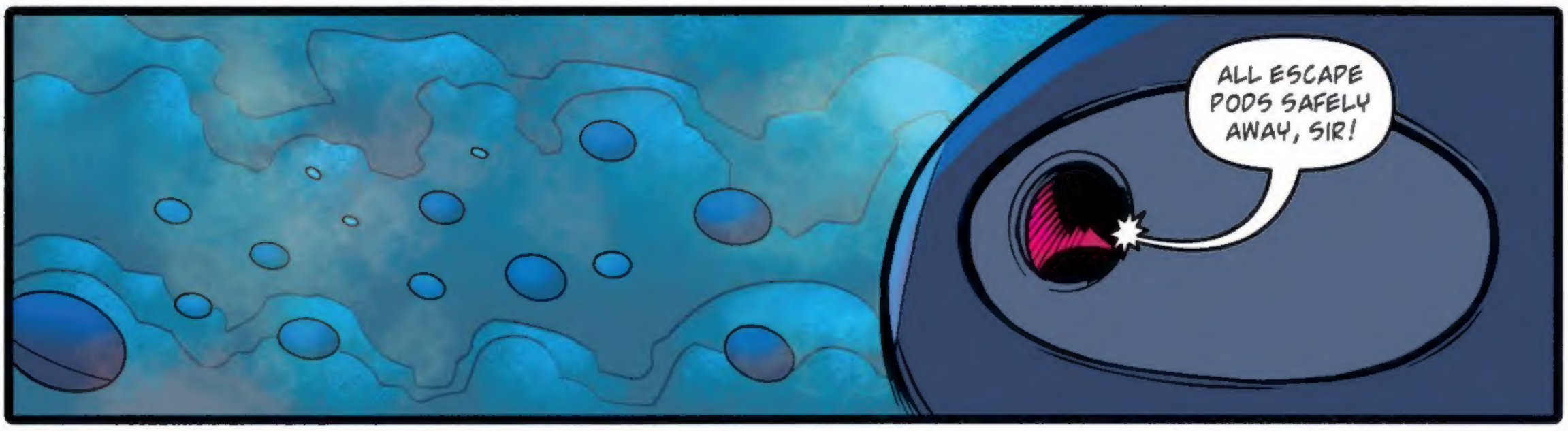
ABANDON SHIP!

A-OOGA A-OOGA A-OOG
WHAT'S HAPPENING—?
WE'RE HEADING STRAIGHT INTO THE STAR!
GET BACK TO THE TARDIS—YOU'LL BE SAFE THERE!
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I'VE GOT TO GET THE REACTOR BACK ONLINE—BEFORE WE VAPORISE!
THE SHIELDS WOULD'VE BEEN FINE ON BATTERY POWER DURING A FLYBY, BUT NOT THIS!
DOCTOR! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN...
...CAN I ASK WHY YOU FEEL THE NEED TO RUIN A PERFECTLY GOOD PLAN—AND GET US ALL KILLED IN THE PROCESS?!
PERFECTLY GOOD PLAN? I ASSUMED YOU WERE GOING TO STEAL THE SHIP! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE TRYING TO GET US ALL KILLED!
I'M NOT STEALING ANYTHING!
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FINE IF YOU HADN'T STOLEN THE POWER SOURCE FOR THE RADIATION SHIELDS!
WELL, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FINE IF YOU HADN'T—
WAIT, WHAT?

I SAID I'M NOT STEALING ANYTHING!
I'M JUST USING THE SHIP'S WARP DRIVE TO—
TO CREATE A GRAVITY WELL! OF COURSE!
HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SO STUPID?
OH, CHRISTINA, I TAKE IT ALL BACK! YOU ARE BEING GOOD!

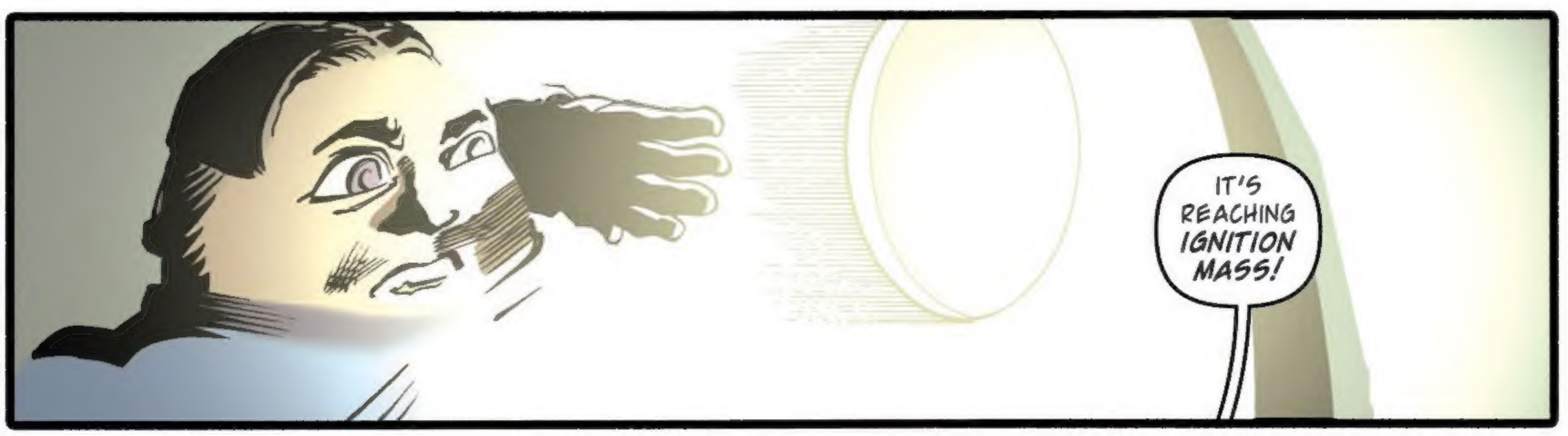

LOT OF GOOD IT'LL DO US IF WE DON'T GET THOSE SHIELDS BACK UP!
COME ON! WE'VE GOT A CIVILISATION TO SAVE!





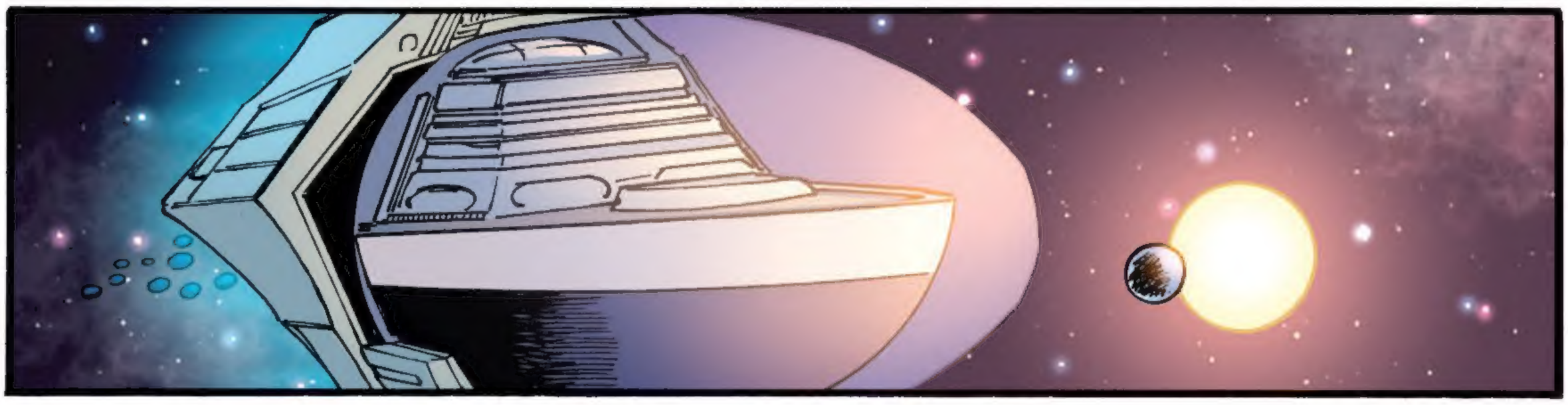
'THE NEBULA—!

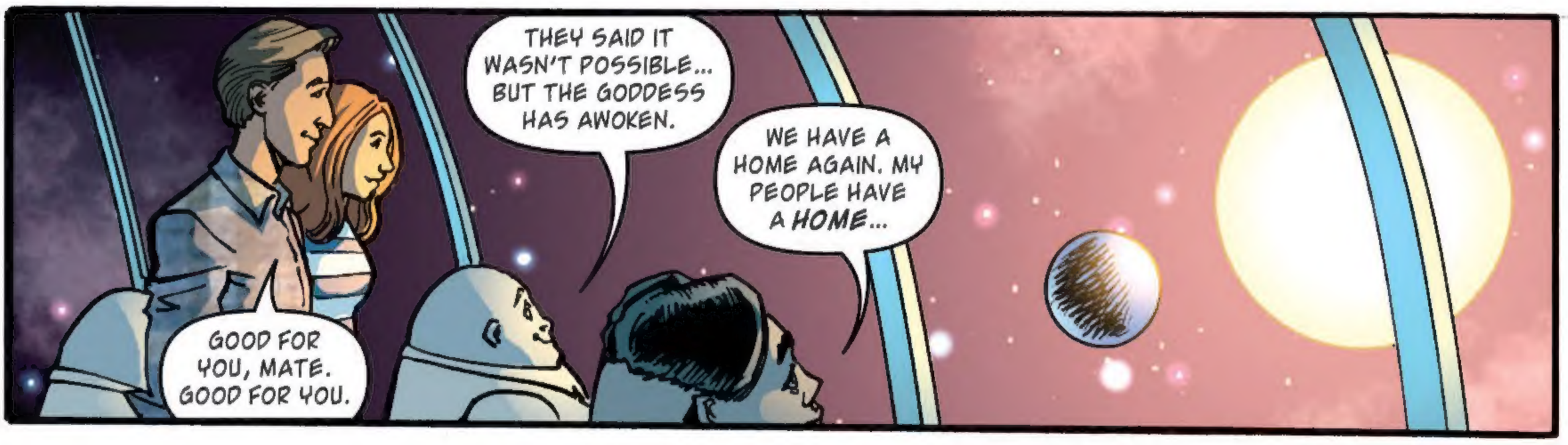
'SIR, THE HYDROGEN CLOUDS ARE BEING DRAWN INTO THE RED GIANT'!

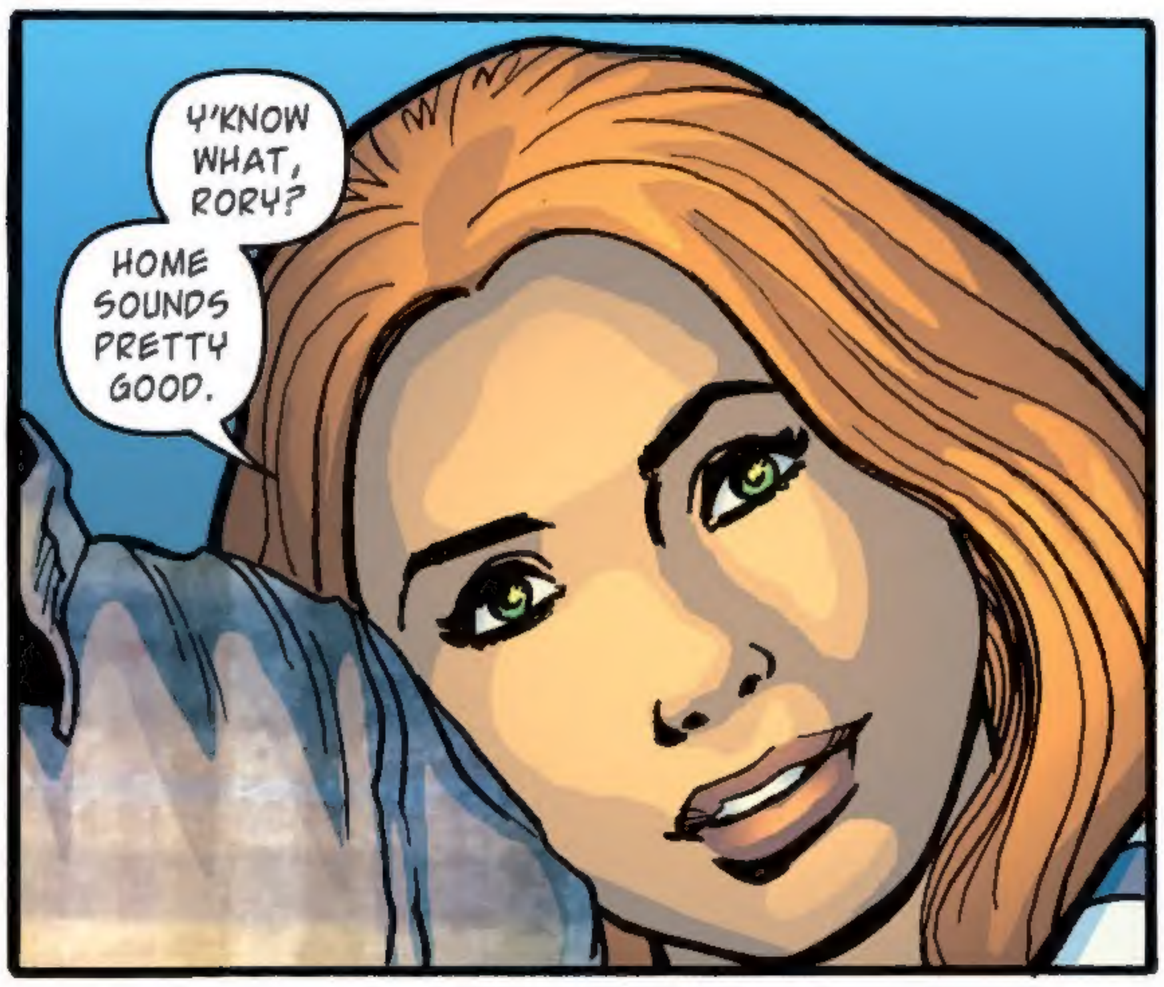


THE GODDESS HAS RE-AWAKENED! SHE HAS NOT ABANDONED US!
THE ICE WILL MELT! OUR CROPS WILL GROW AGAIN!

BACK TO YOUR SHIPS, VODIRANS! WE DON'T NEED YOU!
WE'LL BE YOUR SLAVES NO LONGER!

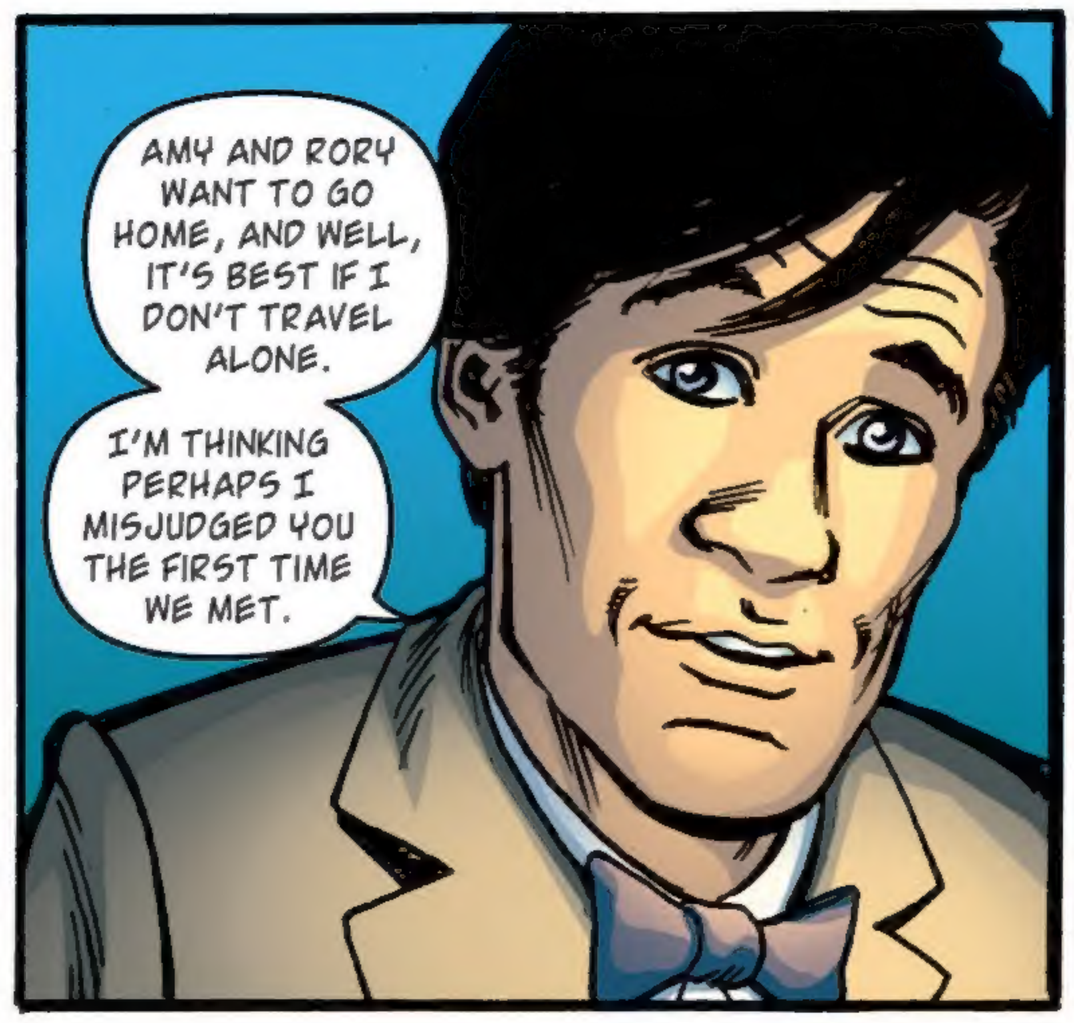



THEY SAID IT WASN'T POSSIBLE... BUT THE GODDESS HAS AWOKEN.
WE HAVE A HOME AGAIN. MY PEOPLE HAVE A HOME...
GOOD FOR YOU, MATE. GOOD FOR YOU.


Y'KNOW WHAT, RORY?
HOME SOUNDS PRETTY GOOD.

Y'KNOW, THERE USED TO BE EASIER WAYS TO REKINDLE A DYING STAR.
THESE DAYS YOU JUST CAN'T LAY YOUR HANDS ON A DECENT STELLAR MANIPULATOR WHEN YOU NEED ONE.
SO HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FIX THE TARDIS NOW?

FIRST THINGS FIRST. I THINK IT'S TIME WE LEFT BEFORE THE CREW START ASKING AWKWARD QUESTIONS, DON'T YOU?

HOW ABOUT YOU, CHRISTINA? CAN I... DROP YOU OFF SOMEWHERE?

ARE YOU FINALLY INVITING ME TO TRAVEL WITH YOU?